GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4685
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COMPULSORY VOTING
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a)whether the Government is contemplating to bring an amendment to the Constitution for making voting compulsory; and

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW ANB JUSTICE(SHRI H.R.BHARDWAJ)

(a), (b) and (e): There is no proposal under consideration with the Sovemment to make voting right mandatory. The issue has been considered by the Committee on Electoral Reforms, 1990 (Dinesh Goswami Committee) and also in the meeting of ail political parties held in 1998. The measures was, however, not accepted because of the practicai difficulties involved in its implementation.